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In re patent application of
Cesar COMPADRE, *et al.*
Serial No. 09/494,374

Group Art Unit: 1615

Examiner: T. Ware

Filed: January 31, 2000

For: A CONCENTRATED, NON-FOAMING SOLUTION OF QUATERNARY
AMMONIUM COMPOUNDS AND METHODS OF USE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
FOR CPA

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Continuing Prosecution Application (CPA),
Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified prior application be amended as
follows:

12/10/2002 YCHADWIC In the Claims: 09494374

01 FC:1201 252.00 CH
02 FC:1202 90.00 CH

Please cancel claims 31-35 and 37-39 without prejudice or disclaimer. Kindly enter
the following claims:

52. A concentrated quaternary ammonium compound solution comprising:
a quaternary ammonium compound with a concentration from greater than
about 15% by weight to about 40% by weight; and
at least one solubility enhancing agent, wherein at least one of said solubility
enhancing agents is propylene glycol.

53. The concentrated quaternary ammonium compound solution of claim 52,
wherein said quaternary ammonium compound is an alkylpyridinium salt, a tetra-
alkylammonium salt, or an alkylalicyclic ammonium salt.

54. The concentrated quaternary ammonium compound solution of claim 53,
wherein said alkylpyridinium salt is represented by the structural formula (I):

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